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RAIL CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN NEW DELHI AND HANOI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the teclinicai feasibility study for the proposed rail connectivity between New Delhi and Hanoi, agreed during the 3rd Ministerial Meeting of the Mekong- Ganga Cooperation (MGC) countries in June, 2003;

(b) the estimated schedule of completion of the study; and

(c) the salient features of the proposed rail link alongwith the details of benefits expected to accrue to the people of the countries when so linked?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): Ministry of External Affairs as a first step for Delhi-Hanoi Rail Link had commissioned RITES to carry out a feasibility study for India-Myanmar Rail Link. This study has been completed. The feasibility study suggested the following alignments;

In India:

(i) Construction of new rail link between Jiribam-Imphal-Moreh at a cost of Rs. 2941.08 Crore.

In Myanmar:

(ii) Construction of a new rail link between Tamil (Moreh) - Kalay-Segyi at a cost of Rs. 1339.02 Crore. and rehabilitation of existing line from Segyi-Chaungu Myohaung at a cost of Rs. 283.959 Cr.

The link will provide substantial benefit to bilateral trade between India and Myanmar.